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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :

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Serial No.: 09/960,705

: Group Art Unit: 1761

Confirm. No.: 4287

: Examiner: Jean C. WITZ

Filed: September 24, 2001

: Customer No.: 34610

For: A METHOD OF LYOPHYLIZATION TO REDUCE SOLVENT  
CONTENT AND ENHANCE PRODUCT RECOVERY

**REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, the response to which is extended by the Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, and wherein election has been required, Applicants hereby elect the polyclonal IgG, with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application. It is believed that the claims directed to the "species" are claims 28 and 56. Claims 1-16, 31-44 and 59-65 as generic (as confirmed in the Office Action) and claims 28 and 56 as directed to the elected "species."

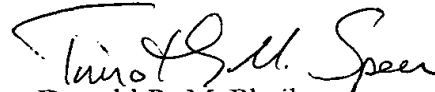
Applicants submit that if any species elected is found allowable, that each of the species subjected to the other portion of the election requirement should be rejoined and in turn allowed.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative, Timothy M. Speer, at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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